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Seekho Aur Kamao
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn) scheme for the skill development of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the key objectives of the scheme Learn and Earn;

(d) the details of fund allocation and utilisation, State-wise; and

(e) whether the State Governments are supportive towards the programme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implementing the scheme "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)" since the year 2013-14. It is a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities aiming to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector. The scheme is implemented through selected Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

(d) and (e) This is a 100% Central Sector Scheme implemented directly by the Ministry of Minority Affairs through selected Project Implementing Agencies. State Governments are not involved in implementation of the scheme and funds are not allocated/ released State-wise. The details of fund allocated and utilized under this scheme since inception are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budgetary Allocation	Fund utilized
2013-14	17.00	17.00
2014-15	46.23	46.21
2015-16 (upto 29.02.2016)	192.45	167.39

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